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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANAGERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION

FOR THE

INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

PRESENTED TO THE CONTRIBUTORS MARCH 1, 1841.

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EIGHTH
ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE CONTRIBUTORS

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF
THE BLIND.

At a meeting of the Contributors to the "Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," held at the Hall of the American Philosophical Society, March 1st, 1841,

JAMES TAYLOR, Esq. was called to the Chair, and JOSEPH SILL, Esq. appointed Secretary.

The Managers handed in their Annual Report, which, with the Reports from the Treasurer, and other documents, was read ; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, that the Report be accepted, and referred to the Board of Managers to be printed, with the documents, in pamphlet form.

The Contributors then, on motion, went into an election of officers and managers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were duly elected :

OFFICERS
OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE
INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND
FOR 1841-42.

PRESIDENT.

JOHN VAUGHAN.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Nathan Dunn,		Benj. W. Richards,
Edward Coleman,		Richard Price.

TREASURER.

Oliver Fuller.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

J. Francis Fisher.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

T. Mason Mitchell.

CONSULTING PHYSICIAN.

Charles D. Meigs, M. D.

VISITING PHYSICIANS.

W. Poyntell Johnson, M. D. | William Pepper, M. D.

MANAGERS.

John U. Fraley,	Lewis R. Ashhurst,
Edward Penington,	Franklin Peale,
John K. Kane,	George Laws,
Robert M. Patterson,	T. Leaming Smith,
A. G. Waterman,	Thos. S. Kirkbride, M. D.
William Ashbridge,	A. Dallas Bache.

JAMES TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Attest—JOSEPH SILL, *Secretary.*

At the first meeting of the above Board of Directors, the following Standing Committees were appointed, for the ensuing year :

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

FOR 1841-42.

COMMITTEE OF ADMISSIONS.

Edward Penington,
John K. Kane,
T. Mason Mitchell.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Benj. W. Richards,
Nathan Dunn,
A. G. Waterman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. G. Waterman,
Richard Price,
Oliver Fuller,
William Ashbridge,
Lewis R. Ashhurst.

COMMITTEE OF INSTRUCTION.

A. D. Bache,
R. M. Patterson,
Benj. W. Richards,
J. Francis Fisher,
John K. Kane.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Edward Coleman,
Mrs. Richard Price,
Mrs. Charles D. Meigs,
Mrs. B. W. Richards,
Mrs. Edward Penington,
Mrs. R. M. Patterson.

R E P O R T.

IN compliance with the requisitions of the charter, the Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind now present to the Contributors their Eighth Annual Report.

The number of pupils at present receiving the benefits of the Institution is fifty-eight, of whom forty-three are from Pennsylvania, seven from Maryland, five from New Jersey, two from Delaware, and one from South Carolina. Of these pupils, two only are supported by their friends,—namely, one from Pennsylvania, and one from South Carolina. A list of the pupils is annexed to this report.

On the occasion of a visit to Annapolis, during the last year, of the Superintendent and teachers of the Institution, with twenty-three of the pupils, the Legislature of Maryland passed an amendment to the law for instructing the Blind, the effect of which is to put it in the power of most of the Blind of that State, of a suitable age, to receive an education in this Institution. Of the seven pupils admitted this year, four are from Maryland.

The organization of the Institution is the same as at the time of the last report,—the immediate management being committed to the following persons: DR. JOSHUA RHOADS, *Superintendent*; MR. EDW. C. JONES, *Teacher*; MR. F. RASCHE, *Instructor of Music*; MR. H. MEYER, *Teacher of Handicrafts*; MRS. ROSANNA RHOADS, *Matron*; MISS ANN

NICHOLAS, *Governess*. All these are believed to merit full approbation for the zeal, fidelity, and ability, with which they have fulfilled their respective trusts.

The system of instruction originally adopted in the school is still continued, and the success which attends it fully attests its merit. Four-fifths of the pupils who have been in the Institution one year can read; and many of them have made acquirements in grammar, composition, geography, history, arithmetic, algebra, and other branches of useful education, which are astonishing in persons deprived of so important an inlet of knowledge as the sight.

Very particular attention continues to be paid to the instruction in music,—an art for which the blind have a particular fondness and aptitude, and which not only serves to give pleasure to themselves and others, but offers one of the most important means for their support. The progress of the pupils in this department is most satisfactory, and never fails to excite the astonishment of those who listen to their performances.

A steady attention has been paid to the handicraft department, in which many of the pupils are becoming able workmen; and from the occupations learned here, it is to be hoped that they will be able to derive a subsistence when they shall leave the Institution. The female pupils are employed in knitting, sewing, and making nets and brushes; the male pupils in making shoes, brushes, mats, mattresses, ropes and twine, and in weaving rag-carpets, and coarse bagging.

At the printing establishment in the Institution, under the immediate care of Mr. M. SNIDER, the ordinary work so necessary for the instruction of the blind is continued,—the Students' Magazine is still issued, in monthly numbers, with original compositions by the pupils, and suitable selections,—a book of hymns has just passed through the press, and a volume of sacred music has been printed, in raised characters, on a plan believed to be new, and which has proved entirely successful.

In consequence of the munificent bequest made to the Institution by the late Wm. Y. Birch, the Managers, on the 7th of February 1839, adopted a series of regulations as to the receipt and disposition of the funds derived from this source, of which they present a copy annexed. Under these regulations, the Chairman of the Committee of Finance, on receiving the whole of the certificates of stock and other evidences of property, made report, on the subject, to the Managers, a copy of which is laid before the Contributors; but as this report was unavoidably delayed, for reasons given therein, until the 2d of April 1840, a full statement of the "Birch Legacy" could not be prepared for the last annual meeting. Such a statement, however, is now presented in a subjoined report. From this it appears that the condition of the legacy, when the securities were received from the executors, was as follows :

Par value of securities,	\$173,747 92
Value as estimated by the executors, . .	158,287 09
Value of same at present rates, . . .	110,060 85
Annual income,	8,579 40

The present condition of the Birch Legacy is as follows :

Par value of securities.	\$185,997 92
Estimated value,	121,710 85
Annual income,	9,286 65

A report from the Treasurer is now laid before the Contributors, together with the statements of his ordinary accounts, and of his accounts as treasurer of the Birch Legacy. The former shows a balance against the Institution of \$6,220 53: the latter a balance in favour of the Institution of \$11,322 62. It will be observed that the expenses of the year amounted to \$15,559 94,—exceeding, by more than \$1100, those of the previous year. This

difference is mainly due to expenditures made at Laurel Hill, and especially in the erection of a monument to our liberal benefactor, William Y. Birch.

	NATHAN DUNN,
JAMES W. PAUL,	<i>Vice President.</i>
<i>Secretary.</i>	

LIST OF PUPILS IN THE INSTITUTION,

MARCH 1, 1841.

Names.	Where from.	When admitted.
Abraham Marsh,	Philadelphia City, 1833.	March 25th.
Sarah Marsh,	do.	do.
Theodore Myers,	do.	do.
Mary Ann Mallett,	Philadelphia County,	April 29th.
William Hatz,	Lancaster County,	June 3d.
Beniah Parvin,	Newcastle, Del.	July 16th.
John B. Martindale,	Charleston, S. C.	Nov. 6th.
Richard Guyn,	Bucks County, 1834.	April 12th.
Mary E. Nuniveller,	Philadelphia County,	May 12th.
Hannah Gillem,	Franklin County,	May 16th.
Eli Whelan,	Lancaster,	June 24th.
Hannah Newborough,	Chester County,	Sept. 6th.
Joseph Ramsey,	Philadelphia County,	Nov. 15th.
Elizabeth Solomon,	Bucks County, 1835.	May 13th.
Philip Feterow,	York County,	Sept. 12th.
Mary E. Wiley,	Maryland,	Sept. 8th.
Mary V. Roberts,	Philadelphia County,	Nov. 28th.
Rachel Laird,	Centre County,	April 22d.
Eliza A. Howell,	New Jersey, 1836.	May 10th.
Jonathan Dyer,	Bucks County,	April 23d.
Nicholas Thompson,	Montgomery County,	Sept. 6th.
Samuel Pyle,	Philadelphia City,	Nov. 1st.
James Buchanan,	Milford, Del.	Nov. 12th.

Names.	Where from.	When admitted.
Matilda Hankins,	New Jersey,	Nov. 23d.
Elizabeth Adolph,	Philadelphia Co., 1837.	Jan. 20th.
John Burris,	do.	Feb. 1st.
Sarah Ann Dandy,	New Jersey,	April 11th.
Charles Torrens,	Philadelphia County,	April 13th.
William Keim,	do.	do.
Patrick Kelly,	do.	April 22d.
Elizabeth A. Fennimore,	New Jersey,	May 4th.
Maria Gill,	Philadelphia,	May 25th.
Samuel McGiffin,	Huntingdon County,	May 30th.
Mary Donelly,	Philadelphia,	June 16th.
Eliza Ann Haines,	Lancaster County,	May —,
John Robinson,	do.	March 6th.
Henry Boyer,	Berks County,	Oct. 26th.
Marcia Finney,	Luzerne County,	Nov. 7th.
Jacob Berry,	Chester County,	Sept. 14th.
George Laws,	Philadelphia, 1838.	Jan. 2d.
Charles Kandel,	Schuylkill County,	Jan. 5th.
Anne Fithian,	Philadelphia,	March 15th.
Emma Westby,	do.	April 16th.
John Shule,	Baltimore,	May 22d.
Rebecca E. Lafleur,	do.	do.
Maria Jones,	Philadelphia,	June 20th.
Elvina Wasley,	do.	Sept. 4th.
Hugh Coyle,	do.	Nov. 3d.
Margaret Turner,	Baltimore, 1839.	March 12th.
George Lafferty,	Philadelphia County,	August 5th.
John Lawrence,	Salem County, N. J.	Sept. 17th.
William Harder,	Carlisle, Pa. 1840.	April 7th.
John Lankford,	Annapolis, Md.	June 7th.
John Jones,	Berlin, Md.	Oct. 23d.
M. Bennis Clark,	Philadelphia,	Nov. 5th.
Sarah E. Whittington,	Baltimore,	Nov. 8th.
John James,	Alleghany Town,	Dec. 14th.
Hugh McClaen,	Mauch Chunk, 1841.	Jan. 8th.

ORDER OF INSTRUCTION OF PUPILS OF PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

MALE PUPILS.

	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Sunday.
6 o'clock, 6½ " 7 "	Rise. Chapter in Bible and Lord's Prayer. Breakfast and Recreation to 8.						
8 to 9	Reading, 1st Class Geog. &c.	Geography 1st Class Geometry.	Reading 1st Class Geog. &c.	Grammar 1st Class Geog. &c.	Reading 1st Class Geog. &c.	Grammar 1st Class Geometry.	Attend Churches selected by their friends and parents.
9 to 10	Arithmetic.	Nat. Philos. & Arithmetic.	Arithmetic.	Nat. Philos. & Arithmetic.	Arithmetic.	Nat. Philos. & Arithmetic.	
10 to 10½	Dictionary and Spelling						
10½ to 11	Intermission.						
11 to 1	Music, (Boys in Class.)						
1 to 2	Dinner and Recreation.						
2 to 5	Manual Labour.				Intermission.		
5 to 7	Supper and Recreation.						
7 to 8	Reading of History, Biography, &c.				Intermission.		
8 to 10	Small Boys retire at 9, and all by 10.						

FEMALE PUPILS.

	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Sunday.
6 o'clock, 6½ " " " " " " " "	Rise. Chapter in Bible and Lord's Prayer. Breakfast and Recreation to 8.						
8 to 9	Reading.	Handicraft.	Reading.	Handicraft.	Reading.	Handicraft.	
9 to 10½	Music.						
10½ to 11	Intermission.						
11 to 12	Grammar.		Natural Philosophy.		Various Lessons.		
12 to 1	Geography.		Singing.	Arithmetic.		Singing.	
1 to 2	Dinner and Recreation.						
2 to 5	Small Girls 1 hour Latin, and all Music and Handicraft.						
5 to 7	Supper and Recreation.						
7 to 8	Reading of History, &c.						
8 to 10	Recreation, &c. Retire by 10. Small Girls at 8.						

5 Minutes intermission every hour in the forenoon.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS.

Mr. Jones from 6½ A.M. to 3 P.M., and from 7 to 8½ P.M.

Mr. Rasche from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 2 to 4 P.M.

Mr. Meyer prepares material from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. and teaches from 2 to 5 P.M.

Miss Nicholes teaches when pupils are not otherwise employed.

Articles manufactured by the Pupils of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind. From January 1840 to January 1841.

BRUSHES.

126 $\frac{6}{12}$	dozen pair shoe brushes	\$338 75	
326 $\frac{6}{12}$	doz. hand scrubs,	291 84	
86 $\frac{4}{12}$	clamps	246 25	
22	hair and hat brushes,	94 24	
8 $\frac{4}{12}$	clothes do.	60 75	
4 $\frac{0}{12}$	tooth do.	6 40	
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HEMP.

58 $\frac{6}{12}$	doz. bed cords	\$64 00	
106	lbs. twine	27 84	
20	ps. clothes line	7 74	
45	door mats	62 50	
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LEATHER.

98	pr. of shoes	121 87	
75	do. (repaired.)	30 00	
		<hr/>	151 87

LINEN, &c.

32	yds. coarse bagging	8 00	
158 $\frac{1}{2}$	yds. rag carpet	81 92	
		<hr/>	89 92

WILLOW.

139	baskets		41 12
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Total	<hr/>	\$1483 22
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The above are the retail prices, from which 30 per cent. must be deducted for commissions, discounts to dealers, &c., leaving net

\$1038 25

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the Managers, on the 7th of February, 1839, as to the receipt and disposition of the funds derived to the Institution under the Will of Mr. Birch.

1. That the President and Secretary be directed to execute a bond of indemnity to the executors of Mr. Birch, according to law, in the name of the Institution, and under its Corporate Seal.

2. That the moneys and evidences of property in the hands of the executors be received by the Treasurer and the Committee of Finance, and that the moneys so received, be forthwith invested by the Committee of Finance, in securities bearing interest.

3. That the funds derived and to be derived from the estate of Mr. Birch, shall be kept distinct from the other funds of the Institution, and shall be denominated the "Birch Legacy;" that regular accounts be kept thereof by the Treasurer, and annually transmitted to the Board; and that the income of said funds shall be collected by the Treasurer, and that said income only shall be applicable to the ordinary purposes of the Institution.

4. That the certificates of stock and evidences of other property be kept in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee of Finance, by whom a certified list thereof shall be delivered to the Treasurer, to be retained by him. That no security be disposed of, or investment changed, except by order of the Board; and that all transfers be made by the Treasurer under authority specially certified by the President and Secretary, under the Corporate Seal.

5. That the accounts of the Treasurer relating to the Birch Legacy shall be examined by a Special Committee.

who shall also inspect the certificates and other evidences of property in the possession of the Committee of Finance, and shall report specially thereon.

Report of the Committee of Finance.

At a stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, held at the Institution, April 2d, 1840, the Finance Committee presented the following Report respecting the legacy of the late Mr. Birch.

The Chairman of the Committee of Finance respectfully reports :

That the special resolutions or by-laws of the Board in relation to the legacy of the late Mr. Birch, require that the securities and evidences of debt devised by Mr. Birch to the Institution shall be deposited with the Chairman of the Committee of Finance for safe keeping, and that the interest and dividends accruing on the same shall be collected by the Treasurer. A special Committee of the Board accordingly, on the 30th of October last, received the securities and evidences of debt aforesaid, from the Executors, and a receipt was given for the same, as will appear by reference to the minutes of the Board. The Chairman of the Committee of Finance presents herewith a list of all the certificates of stocks and loans, and evidences of debt received by him, which he requests the Board to compare with the list furnished by the Executors, and which will be found to comprise in amount and estimate the securities returned as the legacy of Mr. Birch. The undersigned intended to have made this report in time for its presentation to the late meeting of contributors, but

some unavoidable delay in procuring the special transfers of some of the certificates, and the absence of the Treasurer, in whose hands a portion of the securities remained, until the day preceding the meeting of the contributors, prevented him from doing so. In compliance with the intent of the resolutions or by-laws, the securities here referred to, all of which stand in the various offices or books of record in the name of the "Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," and which are now presented for the examination of the Board, will be placed in the fire-proof chest of the Girard Life Insurance Annuity and Trust Company, No. 159 Chestnut Street, with proper endorsement on the envelope. The undersigned has only to add that no dividend or interest money has been received by him; the collection of the dividends and interests being the special province of the Treasurer.

Annexed is a letter from Mr. J. Palmer, through whose agency the several certificates of stock, &c., have been transferred to the Institution. Respectfully,

B. W. RICHARDS,

Philada. April 2d, 1840.

Chairman.

Annexed to this Report is a list of the different securities, stocks, &c.; a copy of which will be found appended to the Report of the Special Committee on the Bireh legacy, submitted Feb. 27, 1841.

Copy of Mr. Palmer's Letter, referred to in the foregoing Report.

BENJ. W. RICHARDS, Chairman of the Financial Committee of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind.

In compliance with thy request I have caused the following investments to be transferred to the Pennsylvania Insti-

tution for the Instruction of the Blind, by the Executors of William Y. Birch deceased, to wit:

54 Certificates of one share each, of Lancaster Turnpike Company. Dividend payable in January and July, by John Bacon, No. 74 South Third Street.

2 Shares of Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company. Dividend payable in May and November, by Geo. N. Harvey, at the Exchange.

16 Shares of Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company. Dividend payable in May and November, by Wm. S. Perot, at the Brewery in Vine Street.

21 Shares of the Chestnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Road. Dividend payable in May and November, by Geo. V. Bacon, No. 74 South Third Street.

10 Shares of the Building Loans of the Franklin Institute. Interest payable in April and October.

\$51,531 Lehigh Loan; and \$772 93, interest payable quarterly on the first days of January, April, July, and October, at No. 72 South Second Street.

5 Shares of Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company. No dividend has as yet been declared.

231 Shares of the American Fire Insurance Company. Dividend payable in April and October, by Job Bacon, No. 110 Chestnut Street.

\$8000 of Pennsylvania State Loan. Interest payable in February and August, at Bank of Pennsylvania.

19 Shares of Union Insurance Company. Dividend payable in July and January, at the Exchange.

1 Certificate of 50 shares of the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company. Dividend payable at the Commercial Bank.

3 Certificates of the Newcastle and Frenchtown Turnpike and Rail Road Company; one of 50 shares, one of 11 shares, and one of 10 shares. Dividend payable in February and August, at No. 48 South Fourth Street.

\$30,000 Union Canal Loan, and 20 shares of stock. In-

terest payable in January, April, July, and October, in Carpenter's Court.

\$20,000 Bond and Mortgage, by Frederick Brown ; and two policies of Assurance.

\$6,000 Bond and Mortgage, given by Henry S. Tanner ; and one policy of Insurance.

\$4,400 Bond and Mortgage, given by D. F. Glenn and J. E. Johnson ; and two policies of Insurance.

\$1,000 Bond, given by Thomas Hughs. Judgment filed. Respectfully,

JONATHAN PALMER, JR.

3d Month, 16th, 1840.

NOTE. \$5,000 of the Pennsylvania State Loan, above mentioned, has been paid off to the Treasurer of the Institution ; 70 shares of the Newcastle and Frenchtown Rail Road Stock, at \$25 per share, was by direction of the Board, transferred in exchange for 35 shares of Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Stock, at \$50 per share, on a premium of \$350, in 6 per cent. loan of latter Company, received at the same time.

Report of Special Committee on the Examination of Treasurer's Account.

To the Managers of The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind.

The Special Committee appointed under the By-Law, for the examination of the Treasurer's account of "The Birch Legacy," and the inspection of the evidences of property belonging to the said Legacy, in possession of the Committee on Finance, request leave to report,

That they have given due attention to the service, and made the examinations required.

The Treasurer's account of "The Birch Legacy," shows the amount received by him, from the 30th October 1839, to the 15th February 1841, to have been 11,322 Dollars, 62 cents; which is found correct.

It appears, that on the Treasurer's books, and which has been reported in his previous general accounts, there are the following credits, under the head of "Real Estate bequeathed by William Y. Birch," viz.

Cash received from sale and rents of Real Estate, in 1838, 1839.	\$5,290 58
Interest on Bonds and Mortgages for \$4250 00, part sale of Real Estate,	
Received in 1839, \$210 00	
" 1840, 255 00	465 00
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	\$5,755 58

Although these items appear in the general account, yet your Committee, being aware of the desire of the Board that a distinct account should be kept of this munificent bequest of our late friend William Y. Birch, would recommend a transfer of it to "The Birch Legacy," to be added to the above item of \$11,322 62.

Your Committee having also examined the certificates of stock, and other evidences of property, held by "The Committee on Finance," herewith presents a detailed statement of the same, showing, the par value thereof; the valuation of the Executors in 1839, at which rates the Institution received the same; the present estimated value; and the income for 1840.

In the course of the examination, it was found, that there was only 10 certificates, of \$50 each, of the Franklin Institute Loan, equal to \$500. Whereas, in the accounts of

the Executors, it is estimated at \$850, and at that sum paid over to the Institution. This is certainly an error, and can only be accounted for, on the supposition, that in the valuation of the Estate, the 10 certificates were supposed to represent \$100 each, and valued at 85 per cent.

Respectfully,

RICHARD PRICE,
EDWARD PENINGTON,
J. FRANCIS FISHER,

Committee.

Philada. 2d Month, 27th, 1841.

Date of Transfer.		CERTIFICATES OF STOCK, &c		Par Value.	Valuation of the executors in 1839.	Estimated value, February 27, 1841.	Income for 1840.
1839							
Dec. 10		54 Certificates, 54 Shares Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike, at \$300		16,200 00	4,860 00	at 60 per Share 3,240 00	270 00
"	16	1 Certificate, 231 Shares American Fire Insurance Co. " 100		23,100 00	28,875 00	" 80 " 18,480 00	1,386 00
"	"	15 Certificates, Loan Union Canal Co. at 6 per cent.		30,000 00	27,000 00	" 40 per cent. 12,000 00	1,350 00
"	"	10 Certificates, Loan Franklin Institute, at 5 per cent. " 50		500 00	850 00	" 80 " 400 00	25 00
"	"	1 Certificate, 21 Shares Chestnut Hill and Springhouse Turnpike, " 100		2,100 00	1,680 00	" 85 " 1,785 00	157 50
"	"	1 Certificate, Loan Leligh Coal and Nav. Co. at 6 per cent.		51,531 69	51,531 69	" 65 " 33,495 60	3,091 92
"	"	1 Certificate, 5 Shares Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, at 200		1,000 00	125 00	" 12½ " 125 00	
"	"	2 Certificates, 20 Shares Union Canal, " 200		4,000 00	1,500 00	" 12½ " 500 00	
17		1 Certificate, 16 Shares Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike, " 100		1,600 00	1,120 00	" 85 " 1,360 00	112 00
"	"	1 Certificate, 19 Shares Union Insurance Co. " 60		1,140 00	1,140 00	" 65 per Share 1,235 00	57 00
"	"	1 Certificate, 2 Shares Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike, " 100		200 00	90 00	" 45 " 90 00	8 00
1840							
Jan. 7		1 Certificate, 50 Shares New Orleans Canal and Banking Co. " 100		5,000 00	3,750 00	" 60 " 3,000 00	
Feb. 8		1 Certificate, 1 Share New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad, " 25 00		25 00	2,059 00	16 25	
" 12		1 Certificate, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Loan 6 per cent.		350 00		" 80 per cent. 280 00	124 25
"	"	1 Certificate, 35 Shares Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, 50,		1,750 00	2,246 40	" 32½ per Share 1,137 50	
April		1 Certificate, Interest Union Canal Co. at 6 per cent.		3,791 23		" 40 per cent. 1,516 50	113 73
"	"	3 Certificates, 70 Shares Columbian Ins. Co. N. Y. no value,					
"	"	3 Certificates, 60 Shares Eagle Fire Co. New York, no value,					
"	"	1 Certificate, 14 Shares Mutual Ins. Co. New York, no value,					
"	"	2 Certificates, 2 Shares Centre Turnpike, no value,					
"	"	1 Certificate, 6 Shares Pennsylvania Slate Co. no value,					

1839	1 Certificate, 1 Share Philadelphia Domestic Society, no value,	60 00	60 00			
"	1 Certificate, 1 Share Pennsylvania Vine Co, no value,					
"	1 Receipt, 10 Shares Susquehanna and Lehigh Canal,	20,000 00	20,000 00	20,000 00	1,200 00	
	Bond and Mortgage, Frederick Brown, interest paid to Feb. 25, 1841,			par		
	Bond and Mortgage, Glenn & Johnson, interest paid to Dec. 5, 1840,	4,400 00	4,400 00	"	264 00	
	Bond and Mortgage, Henry S. Tanner, interest paid to July 11, 1840,	6,000 00	6,000 00	"	360 00	
	Bond, Thomas Hughes, interest paid to July 1, 1840,	1,000 00	1,000 00	"	60 00	
		173,747 92	158,287 09			
1839	2 Certificates, Pennsylvania 5 per cents, payable 1858-59,	3,000 00		at 80 per cent.	110,060 85	8,579 40
Dec. 30	Pennsylvania 5 per cents paid off; and temporarily re-invested,	5,000 00		par	2,400 00	152 25
	Bonds and Mortgages received for real estate sold,				5,000 00	300 00
	C. Kearney & S. Kearney, interest paid October 24, 1840,	750 00		"	750 00	
	Lewis Brechmen, interest paid October 9, 1840,	1,500 00		"	1,500 00	255 00
	Jacob Schiedel, interest paid October 15, 1840,	2,000 00		"	2,000 00	
		185,997 92			121,740 85	9,286 65

RICHARD PRICE,

J. FRANCIS FISHER,

EDW. PENINGTON,

*Special Committee.**Philadelphia, 2d Month, 27th, 1841.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer submits his annual report, showing a balance against the Institution of \$6,220 53. It will be observed, that the expenses exceed those of the last year, about \$1,100, which is occasioned, mainly, by the sums paid for a monument to the late W. Y. Birch, and other expenditures at Laurel Hill.

The State Treasurer, last fall, declined paying the bill of the Institution, stating that the "Act of 31st March, 1836, repealed so much of the 4th section of the Act of 27th January, 1834, as relates to *semi-annual* payments." The sum of \$8,000, will be due from the Commonwealth in April next, which amount, together with \$5,000—received in payment of a certificate of State Loan, and reloaned, payable on demand, with security—it is proposed to apply to the payment of a bond and mortgage for \$10,000, due at that time to John Bohlen, Trustee.

The annual report of the Treasurer of the "Birch Legacy," is now also presented, showing a receipt from that source of \$11,322 62; deducting from this sum, the balance against the Institution, and there remains the sum of \$5,102 09 applicable to the wants of the Institution, most of which sum will be needed for the payment of bills, within a month.

The Treasurer submits his vouchers for his account with the Institution, and begs a committee may be appointed to examine those of the "Birch Legacy," according to the resolutions of February 6th, 1839.

Should no failure occur in the payment of interests and dividends, there will probably be a considerable sum to invest during the year, and such would have been the case during the past year, but for the refusal of the State Treasurer to make the usual semi-annual payment.

OLIVER FULLER,

Philadelphia, Feb. 25th, 1841.

Treasurer.

Dr. *Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, with Oliver Fuller, Treasurer.* Cr.

1840

March 2, To balance on hand,

To am't rec'd from state New Jersey, 1,000 00
Maryland, 862 81
Delaware, 400 00
Pennsylvania, 4,103 51

To premium on draft on Treasurer

of Maryland, 4 63 6,370 95

To amount received from pay pupils,

Annual contributions, 506 69
Donations, 330 69

Exhibitions,

Sales merchandise, 134 01 40 84

Sales books, music, and Mag. 860 64

Interest on Mortgages, 171 95

J. Palmer, Jr. balance rents, 255 00

Life Subscription, W. Hembel, 37 58

Executors W. J. Williams,

deceased, 30 00 487 50

To balance due Treasurer,

2,854 90
6,220 53

By orders, drawn by the Board,
and chargeable, as follows, viz.

1. Salaries, \$4,177 49
2. School, 948 60
3. Manufacturing, 2,072 22
4. Printing, 923 62
5. Building, 553 40
6. Clothing, 405 63
7. Special, 3,645 36
8. Maintenance, 2,833 62

15,559 94

The items making the sum of

\$3645 36, charged as "Special"

(7) are as follows, viz:

Interest on bond for \$10,000 00 600 00

Insurance 36 00, paper 4 50 40 50

Monument to Mr. Birch, 750 00

Expense at Laurel Hill, 43 50, slabs

and inscriptions, 72 26, 115 76

Enclosing lot at Laurel Hill, 181 56

Funeral of Lewis Beaumont, 43 12

Fuel 482 87, type for institution at

Paris, 76 25, 559 12

Furniture, oil-cloth, carpet, sheeting,

tow-linen, and bed-covers, 127 71

Printing annual report, 43 30, and in

case of Reid and Stanley, 24 50, 67 80

Expenses of pupils to and from Balti-
more, 150 50

Examined and found correct,
 B. W. RICHARDS,
 A. G. WATERMAN,
 NATHAN DUNN.
Committee of Finance.

15,559 94

ing, leeching, 51 26, 96 00
 Medicines, 97 64, cooking appa- 229 14
 ratus, 131 50,
 Gardening, 47 75, white-washing, 141 04
 93 20,
 Washing, 190 00, for gymnastic
 exercises, 17 00, 207 00
 Crockery, hardware, smith work,
 and omnibus hire, 62 40
 Sundry small expenses at the Insti-
 tution, 273 71 3,645 36

1841,

March 1, By balance due Treasurer, 15,559 94

OLIVER FULLER, 6,220 53

Treasurer.

Dr. Oliver Fuller, Treasurer of the "Birch Legacy."

1839			
Oct. 30,	To amount received from the Executors,		748 20
Dec. 24,	" Dividend Germantown and P. Turnpike Co.		4 00
26,	" do. Chestnut Hill and Spring House do.		73 50
	" Interest Union Canal Co.		450 00
28,	" do. Franklin Institute,		119 00
31,	" do. Glenn and Johnson's Mortgage,		132 00
1840			
Jan. 2,	" do. H. S. Tanner's Mortgage,		180 00
5,	" do. Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.		772 98
21,	" do. Thomas Hughes' Bond,		30 00
Feb. 4,	" do. Pennsylvania State Loan, \$3000,		75 00
	" do. do. 5000,		104 17
Mar. 2,	" do. F. Brown's Mortgage,		500 00
April 1,	" do. Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.		772 98
9,	" Dividend New Castle Railroad Co.		62 12
16,	" Interest Union Canal Co.		450 00
17,	" do. American Fire Insurance Co.		693 00
May 19,	" Dividend Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Co.		4 50
	" do. C. H. and S. G. Turnpike Co.		84 00
26,	" do. Cheltenham and W. G. Turnpike Co.		48 00
	" do. do. do.		64 00
July 6,	" Interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.		772 98
15,	" Dividend Union Insurance Co.		57 00
18,	" Interest Thomas Hughes' Bond,		30 00
21,	" Dividend Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Co.		270 00
Aug. 1,	" Interest Pennsylvania State Loan,		75 00
	" Premium on said amount paid in specie,		2 25
	" Interest H. S. Tanner's Mortgage,		180 00
12,	" Dividend Philada., Wilmington and Baltimore R.R.		61 25
26,	" Interest F. Brown's Mortgage,		600 00
Sept. 2,	" do. Glenn and Johnson's Mortgage,		132 00
Oct. 3,	" do. Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.		772 98
6,	" do. Union Canal Loan,		450 00
	" do. Union Canal Co.		113 73
17,	" Dividend American Fire Insurance Co.		693 00
1841			
Jan. 2,	" do. Chestnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Co.		73 50
	" Interest Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.		772 98
	" do. Franklin Institute,		25 00
Feb. 1,	" do. State Loan,		75 00
2,	" do. F. Brown's Mortgage,		600 00
10,	" Dividend Germantown and Philadelphia Turnpike Co.		3 50
13,	" Interest Glenn & Johnson's Mortgage,		132 00
15,	" do. Philada., Wilmington and Baltimore R.R.		10 50
	" Dividend do. do. do.		52 50
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By Balance,			11,322 62
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1841			
Mar. 1,	To Balance,		11, 322 62

OLIVER FULLER,

Treasurer "Birch Legacy."

Philadelphia, March 1, 1841.

BOOKS

PUBLISHED BY THE "PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE
INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND."

Gospel of Mark. 160 pages, 4to. 1833.
Early Days of Geo. Washington. 71 pages, 8vo. 1834.
Die Ostereir, (German). 84 pages, folio cap. 1838.
Ruth and Esther. 50 pages, folio cap. 1838.
Guide to Spelling. 86 pages, folio cap. 1838.
Proverbs of Solomon. 96 pages, folio cap. 1838.
Auswahl, (German). 44 pages, folio cap. 1839.
Select Library for the Blind. 5 vols., 100 pages each,
folio cap. 1839.

Students' Magazine, (periodical.) 3 vols., 100 pages
each, folio cap. 1838, 1839, and 1840.

French Verbs. 25 pages, full size cap sheet.

Church Music. 94 pages, full size cap sheet. 1840.

Psalms and Hymns. 68 pages, full size cap sheet. 1840.

This volume contains one hundred and fifty Psalms and
Hymns, most commonly used, and appropriate for the
blind; adapted to the selection of Church Music. The
second volume of Church Music is in the press, and will
be of the same size and number of pages as the first
volume.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

In every case of application for the admission of pupils
into the "Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the
Blind," answers are to be made in writing to the following

questions; to which the attestation of some respectable Physician or Clergyman, and of one or more individuals of respectability, to whom the applicant is known, should be subjoined. Pupils are not, in general, admitted into the Institution, under the age of *seven* nor over *sixteen* years. If the requisite answers be forwarded to the Institution, the relatives or friends of the applicant will be informed whether he or she shall be admitted, and if so, at what time, and upon what terms. The agreement in writing, annexed hereto, must, in all cases, be entered into, at the time of admission, by the parent, guardian, or other friend of the pupil, to receive him or her back, whenever the Board of Managers may find it necessary to direct the removal of the pupil, for whatever cause, from the Institution.

The Legislatures of the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland have made provision for the education of portions of the indigent blind, residing in their several States. Applicants for the bounty of either of the above-named Commonwealths, must conform to the requisitions and acts of their respective Legislatures, before they can be admitted.

Questions, to be carefully and correctly answered.

1. What is the name of the applicant?
2. Where and when born? (the year, month, and day of his birth.)
3. What are the names of parents?
4. Are they at present living?
5. Where do they reside?
6. What is the nearest post-town to direct to?
7. Is totally blind?
8. If not, what degree of vision does possess?
9. Was born blind?

10. If not, at what period did become blind ?
11. What was the cause of blindness ?
12. Is of sound health, and of sufficient mental and bodily capacity to receive instruction ?
13. Has the full use of hands and fingers ?
14. Has ever received any instruction, and what sort ?
15. In what way has been employed ?
16. Have proper medical efforts been used to restore sight ?
17. Is the blindness deemed incurable ?
18. Has ever been subject to fits, or ever had, or has now, any scrophulous, cutaneous, or other disorder, which might be communicated to the other pupils ?
19. What has been the general character or moral conduct and disposition of the applicant ?
20. Is of a kind and docile temper ?
21. Has any peculiarities of disposition ?
22. Has ever strolled about, to obtain a livelihood ?
23. Was brought up in the house of parents or friends, and by whom ?
24. What are the present pecuniary means of the parents, or those relatives or friends, having charge of the applicant ?
25. Could they pay any, and what amount annually, towards support and education ?
26. Of what religion are the applicants, or their parents or friends, and to what place of worship do they desire their to go ?
27. Have they other children blind ? and if so, state the cause of blindness.

Certificate, to be signed by individuals who know, and recommend the applicant for admission.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify, from personal knowledge of the above applicant, and the circumstances

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE AND ENDOW THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

(Pamphlet Laws, 1833-4. p. 16.)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the members of "THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND," and all, who according to the constitution and by-laws shall become members thereof, be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the same name and style, to have perpetual succession, and be capable to take, hold, and enjoy lands, tenements and hereditaments, to use a common seal, and to break, alter, or renew the same at pleasure: *Provided,* That the clear yearly value of the real and personal estate by them held, shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The said Institution shall be governed by such constitution, laws or by-laws as are now in existence, until the same be altered by the members thereof, in the manner provided for in the said constitution; and that the said Institution shall have power to make, alter, or repeal their constitution or laws, in such manner as they shall deem expedient: *Provided,* That no law or by-law shall be valid

which may be in opposition to the constitution and laws of the United States, or to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

SECT. 3. If an election of the officers of the Institution be not held at the time herein appointed, the corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but an election shall be held as soon after as may be, public notice thereof being given; and until such election, the officers in place shall continue to act: and the officers now elected, viz., the Governor of the State, Patron; William White, D. D., President; Peter S. Du Ponceau, Roberts Vaux, William Y. Birch and Edward Coleman, Vice Presidents; John Vaughan, Treasurer; Joshua Francis Fisher, Corresponding Secretary; Jacob Snider, jun., Recording Secretary; Philip Syng Physick, M. D., Consulting Physician; William Gibson, M. D., and Caspar Morris, M. D., Visiting Physicians; and Nathan Dunn, Joshua Lippincott, J. K. Mitchell, M. D., Richard Price, Alfred Elwyn, John A. Brown, Robert Maxwell, A. D. Bache, C. D. Meigs, M. D., B. W. Richards, John Miller, jun., and John U. Fraley, Managers, shall hold and exercise their respective offices until the election in March next, and until others are chosen.

SECT. 4. To aid the funds of the said Institution, the Governor is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, in favour of the President of said Institution, for the sum of ten thousand dollars immediately; and moreover, shall draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, in favour of the said President, for the further sum of one hundred and sixty dollars for every indigent pupil of this Commonwealth, taught in said school, one half to be paid at the expiration of the term of six months, and the remainder at the end of the year. *Provided*, That no one scholar shall be taught at the expense of the Commonwealth more than six years. *And provided also*, That the sum so to be drawn from the Treasury for such tuition, shall in no one year exceed the sum of nine thousand dollars.

SECT. 5. The fourth section of this act, so far as relates to the annuity from the Commonwealth, shall be and continue in force for the term of six years, from and after the first day of March next, and no longer, unless otherwise enacted.

SECT. 6. During the continuance of the said annual grant, it shall be the duty of the said Institution, to present annually, or when required, to the Legislature, on or before the first of February, a detailed report of the condition of the said Institution, and of the number of pupils therein, stating the number of indigent pupils and their places of residence; accompanied by a statement of their receipts and expenditures during the preceding year.

SECT. 7. To aid the said Institution in erecting a suitable building, and in purchasing a lot, whereupon to erect the same, the Governor is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, for the sum of ten thousand dollars; *Provided*, The managers of the said Institution shall raise within two years from the present time, by private contribution, the sum of twenty thousand dollars. *And provided also*, That the managers shall certify to the Governor, that the amount of the said twenty thousand dollars shall have been subscribed as aforesaid, and actually paid, before he shall draw his warrant for the said ten thousand dollars.

WM. PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS RINGLAND,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED — The twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

GEO. WOLF.

Secretary's Office,

Harrisburg, Feb. 1, 1834.



I HEREBY certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original law, remaining on file and of record in said office.

Witness my hand and seal of office,

JAMES TRIMBLE,

Deputy Secretary.

A SUPPLEMENT

TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AND ENDOW
THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION
OF THE BLIND."

(Pamphlet Laws, 1835-6, p. 328.)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the Governor is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, in favour of the President of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, for the sum of two hundred dollars for every indigent pupil of this Commonwealth taught in the school of said Institution, the said sum to be paid according to the provisions of the fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement; and so much of the said section as relates to the semi-annual payments, be and is hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the assessor or other

officers employed in executing the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the enumeration of the taxable inhabitants and slaves within this Commonwealth," and the supplement thereto, at the same time to make out a separate list of the blind persons, if any resident in their respective townships, towns, wards or districts, distinguishing their sexes, colours, and as nearly as may be, their several ages; and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the several counties to make returns thereof to the Governor, pursuant to the provisions of the second section of the act the title of which is recited in this section.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

JOS. RITNER.

AN ACT

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION
FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

(Pamphlet Laws, 1836-7, p. 43.)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the lot of ground now owned and occupied by the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction

of the Blind, with the buildings erected or to be erected thereon, situate on Sassafras Street, near the corner of Schuylkill Third Street, in the city of Philadelphia, shall be exempted from assessment for, and the payment of all county, corporation, and poor taxes, so long as the said lot and buildings shall remain the property of and be occupied for the purposes of said Institution.

SECT. 2. That the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the extinguishment of the debt incurred by the purchase of a lot and the erection of buildings for the accommodation of the blind, be, and the same is hereby granted to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in such sums, and at such times as the managers may require.

LEWIS DEWART,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

JOS. RITNER.

AN ACT

TO AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR GENERAL, &c.

(Pamphlet Laws, 1837-8, p. 398.)

SECTION 15. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the au-*

thority of the same, That the time for which indigent pupils of this Commonwealth may be taught in the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, at the expense of the Commonwealth, is hereby extended to eight years from the time of entering said Institution.

APPROVED—The fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

STATE OF DELAWARE.

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE INDIGENT BLIND OF THIS STATE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met*, That to aid the funds of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, so far as may concern the instruction of the indigent blind of this State, in said Institution, the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the trustee of the fund for establishing schools in this State, in favour of the President of said Institution, for such sum of money, for every indigent pupil of this State, taught in said school, as shall be annually paid by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the said principal for each indigent pupil of the said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, taught in said Institution, one half of said sum to be paid at the expiration of six months from the first day of July, and the remainder at the end of the year from the said date : to be applied by

said Institution, to and for the maintenance and instruction, in said Institution, of such indigent blind pupil and pupils for whose benefit the said warrant shall be so drawn:— Provided, that no scholar shall be taught at the expense of the State for a period longer than five years; and provided also, that the sum so drawn from the said fund for establishing schools in this State, for such tuition, shall in no one year exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That every warrant drawn as aforesaid, by the Governor on the trustee of the fund for establishing schools in the State of Delaware, shall specify the name and place of residence, to wit the county, of each indigent pupil of this State, taught in the said school, and for whose benefit the said warrant shall be so drawn; and the said trustee of the fund for establishing schools shall distribute the amount of said warrant among the several counties of this State in proportion to the number of indigent pupils from such counties respectively, who shall be taught in said school, and for whose benefit the said warrant shall be drawn; and shall charge the same upon the income of the school fund, as by law apportioned among the several counties, so that each county shall pay the expense of educating its own indigent blind. At the next succeeding annual apportionment of the said income among the several counties and districts, the said trustee shall first deduct from the share of each county the amount so charged to it for the instruction of its indigent blind, and apportion the balance among the several districts as by law is directed.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the three Associate Judges, of the State of Delaware, and their successors, be and they are hereby appointed trustees on the part of the State, to whom all applications shall be made for the admission of the blind children of this State into the said Institution, and they shall recommend such of the applicants as they shall deem proper, to the Governor of this State,

who, upon such recommendation, shall cause such pupils to be admitted into the said Institution, upon the terms prescribed in the first section of this act: Provided, that not more than two indigent pupils from each county shall be admitted at the same time into the said institution.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That during the continuance of the said annual grant, it shall be the duty of the said Institution to present annually, or when required, to the said trustees, on or before the first day of January, a detailed report of the condition of said Institution and of the number of pupils from this State, therein stating the number of indigent pupils and their places of residence, accompanied by a statement of their receipts and expenditures during the preceding year, and the said trustees are hereby directed to make a report of the same to the Legislature of this State at their biennial session.

Passed at Dover, January 29, 1835.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF INDIGENT BLIND
PERSONS, INHABITANTS OF THIS STATE.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted, by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, be appropriated annually out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to be applied, under the direction of the Governor, or person administering the government, for the instruction, or placing for instruction in some suitable or convenient institution established for that purpose, such indigent blind persons, inhabitants of this

State, as may be duly recommended to him by the board of chosen freeholders of the county in which such indigent blind person may reside, stating that said blind person is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable from their own resources, or those of their parents, or guardians, to obtain instruction for themselves, and is of good natural capacity. *Provided always*, That each person so to be instructed shall have attained the age of seven years: *And provided also*, the amount per annum, for any one individual, shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars, nor the term of instruction five years: *Provided further*, That if the said sum of two thousand dollars, herein appropriated, shall not be used or exhausted in any one year, then the balance may be applied to the purposes mentioned in this act in any subsequent year or years, in addition to the appropriation for such subsequent year or years.

SECT. 2. Provides that this act shall take effect from the first of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

STATE OF MARYLAND.

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF INDIGENT BLIND
PERSONS, INHABITANTS OF THIS STATE.

(Passed December Session, 1837, ch. 173.)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a sum, not exceeding one thousand dollars, be appropriated annually, out of the interest upon the surplus fund now belonging to the State of Maryland, to be applied, under the direction of the Governor, for the instruction, or placing for instruction, in some suitable or convenient institution established for that purpose, such

indigent blind persons, inhabitants of this State, as may be duly recommended to him by the Trustees of the Poor of each county in which such indigent blind person may reside, stating that said blind persons are in such indigent circumstances as to be unable, from their own resources, or those of their parents, to obtain instruction for themselves, and are of good natural capacity; *provided also*, that each person so to be instructed, shall have attained the age of seven years, and that the amount per annum for any one individual shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars, nor the term of instruction five years.

SECT. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if the said sum of one thousand dollars, herein appropriated, shall not be used or exhausted in any one year, then the balance may be applied to the purposes mentioned in this Act in any subsequent year or years, in addition to the appropriation for such subsequent year or years.

SECT. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Governor shall report annually to the Legislature the amount of money expended by him in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, and the names, ages, and places of residence of the different applicants under this Act.

STATE OF MARYLAND.

A SUPPLEMENT

TO THE ACT FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

(Acts of 1839-40, ch. 24.)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in case there shall be recommended to the Governor of this State, by the Trustees of the Poor of the

different counties, more indigent blind children than can be educated under the provisions of the Act of 1837, ch. 173, any surplus which may annually remain in the Treasury of the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, appropriated by the law, to which this is a supplement, for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, shall be applied to the education of such indigent blind children in the manner pointed out in the first section of the said Act of 1837, ch. 173; and that the Governor shall be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the same accordingly.